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BASIS FOR RELEVANCE

An attachment (1) for attaching to the front of a road-sweeping machine (2) has a frame (3) which is guided by means of supporting rollers (4) over the surface (5) of a road, in particular of a road tunnel which has let into its surface reflectors (8) which have to be cleaned. For this purpose, a cleaning brush (9) with its axis of rotation (10) parallel to the direction of travel is arranged in a downwardly open housing (11) inside of which are arranged water-spraying nozzles for water mixed with washing fluid. The housing (11) for the cleaning brush (9) is suspended by means of guide rollers (14) on rails (13) arranged transversely with respect to the direction of travel to allow the to-and-fro movement of the housing by means of a hydraulic cylinder (11a), so that particularly the reflector surfaces of the reflector (8) which point in the direction of travel are cleaned by the transverse motion and high-speed rotation of the brush. A shower arrangement (15) disposed behind the cleaning brush in the direction of travel comprises, inside a housing, water-spraying nozzles for rinsing away the washing fluid. Located behind the shower arrangement in the direction of travel is a blowing nozzle (17) through which drying air is blown, a fan arranged on the road-sweeping machine (2) supplying the air via a line (19). The apparatus permits a rapid cleaning operation over long tunnel sections by means of only one... Original abstract incomplete


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